

IN THE SPECIFICATION

NB 1/11/08 Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, lines 10-13, with the following
rewritten paragraph:

The metal alcolate and/or metal chelate compound for use in the present invention is soluble in organic solvents. There is no particular limitation to the metal alcolate and/or metal chelate compound. Conventional alcolates and/or metal ~~chalete~~ chelate compounds can be employed as long as a chelate cross-linking reaction takes place between the metal alcolate and/or metal chelate compound and an acid value generating portion of the resin upon the organic solvent being eliminated in the course of the preparation of the toner. Such a metal alcolate and/or metal chelate compound is preferably selected from the group of the alcolates and/or metal ~~chalete~~ chelate compounds with the metal site thereof being of bivalent or more.